

ITEMS—GENERAL AND LOCAL.

General GRANT is still "marching along," and it has been calculated from the rate of advance per day, that he will enter Richmond on the 14th of June. He has fully sustained the reputation he established by his victories in the West, and the present campaign has been conducted with a vigor unparalleled in the history of the war. The Richmond papers are not at all satisfied with this spirit of progress, and seem to think that other generals, under the same circumstances, would have fallen back across the Rappahannock and acknowledge themselves beaten. But as our General has never been accustomed to defeats, and the force of habit is so strong it is perfectly natural that he should continue to advance, and at present it is extremely difficult to form any idea of his intention in regard to halting. *Davis & Co.* have gone South for their healths, Richmond being considered rather too warm for persons of delicate constitutions. *Davis'* brilliant career is drawing to a close and he has our best wishes for his speedy capture and punishment, and let his epitaph be written:

Here rests his head upon a lap of earth,
A man to honesty and to truth unknown!
A villain and a traitor from his birth,
And Satan's marked him for his own.

We trust our secession friends will be pleased with this alteration of the words of the poet and not find fault with our lack of originality. It has at last become a fixed fact that the backbone of the rebellion has received a serious injury at the hands of GRANT, and we predict that the result will be a complete dislocation of the vertebrae.

While our Northern friends are anxiously looking forward to the time when vegetables shall be plenty, we of Annapolis, are enjoying these luxuries to an unlimited extent. Strawberries, green peas, onions, lettuce, and other niceties are plenty in market, at reasonable rates. Grass is nearly ready for cutting, and if vegetation continues to be as rapid as heretofore, we may expect winter about the 1st of July.

A Monument to General GRANT in commemoration of his Vicksburg victory, is in course of erection at Vicksburg, under the auspices of General Thomas. The monument is made of Italian marble in the shape of a pyramid, twenty feet high, surmounted by a fifteen-inch globe. On the principal side is a large American eagle, sustaining on its wings the Goddess of liberty. Suitable inscriptions respecting General Grant's exploits are to be chiselled on the sides.

A proposition has already been made to celebrate the first anniversary of the battle and victory of Gettysburg, on the 4th of July next, on which occasion it is also proposed to lay the corner-stone of a grand monument to the memory of the gallant dead. The subject will be finally settled at an early meeting of the State Commissioners, having in charge the construction of the National Cemetery.

A lady occupying room letter B at a hotel, wrote on the slate the following:—"Wake letter B at seven, and if letter B says 'let us be,' don't let letter B be, because if you let letter B be, letter B will be unable to let her house to Mr. B., who is to be here at half-past seven." The porter, a better boot black than orthographist, did not know at seven whether to wake letter B or let her be.

A Colored preacher within our lines recently felt constrained to preach against the extortions of the sutlers from which his flock had suffered. After much deliberation he announced his text as follows: "Now the serpent was more *sutler* than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made."

"Mamma, mamma," cried a little one, whose early hour of retirement had not permitted much study of the starry heavens, "here is the moon come and brought a lot of little babies with her."

Some one has said of those who die young, that "they are like the lambs which the Alpine shepherds bear in their arms to high, green pastures, that the flocks may follow."

Doctor Johnson compared plaintiff and defendant in action at law, to two men ducking their heads in a bucket, and daring each other to remain longest under water.

Compliment to a Patriotic Surgeon.

HEAD-QUARTERS FIRST BRIGADE, FIRST DIVISION, NINTH ARMY CORPS, NEAR SPOTTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE, Va., May 20, 1864.—General Orders No. 20.—Surgeon Calvin Cutter, 21st Regiment Massachusetts Veteran Volunteers, Chief Surgeon of this brigade, having been honorably discharged the service previous to the late engagements and having tendered his services during the last battle, the General commanding takes this opportunity to express his thanks and appreciation of such valuable services. By command of

JOSEPH H. LIBLES,
Brigadier General Commanding.
Geo. W. PREASEY, Lieut. and A. A. A. G.

THE STORY OF AN ATOM.—Could we trace the history of a particle of carbon, it would doubtless be most romantic. It might be something of this sort. It first saw the light ages and ages ago, issuing from the mouth of a volcano as carbonic acid. Over the earth it flew and visited the stormy clouds, and as descending it swept along the sea, it was dissolved by the briny wave. It soon became part of a coral rock. The coral reef was raised by gradual upheavals till it stood high and dry above the water. The tiny inhabitants of course were dead, but the solid abodes became a limestone rock.—there our particle of carbon, as carbonic acid in close embrace with a particle of lime, was stored up for unnumbered ages. The rock was afterward quarried, and from the lime kiln it was expelled again to take its flight over the green earth, till caught up by a vigorous rose-tree it became decomposed and stowed away in the green covering of its leaves. Here a caterpillar ate it, and it formed part of his tiny body. As the winter came on, it was hung up in a dry stiff chrysalis, which, as the spring gladdened the earth, was split open, and from it our carbon escaped a part of a new-winged, many-colored butterfly. The butterfly died, and his little corpse was picked up by a bird; but scarcely had our atom become assimilated by the bird, when it came roasted to the table of a man. Into his stomach and through his arteries our particle passed, till stored up in the muscle it lent itself to add strength to his right arm; but this muscle was ever changing, and soon it is given up again to the blood and burnt in his veins, and is breathed forth from his lungs. Away now it is flying once more, to take part in wonderful transformations.

Among the most amiable virtues with which human nature is adorned is filial affection. It is sweet to feel; it is sweet to behold; and very sweet it is to record such a touching instance as the following, which a distant correspondent kindly transmits to the Drawer:

"A few weeks ago Dr. Clark was called to attend an old gentleman, who had unfortunately fallen and broken his leg. The anxious family, children and grandchildren, clustered around him, as serious doubts were entertained of the old man's being able to withstand the shock he had received. The Doctor assured them that he would get along, but they were very fearful that he would be crippled for life. When at last the surgeon had completed his labors of setting and bandaging the broken limb, and was about to leave the house, one of the old man's sons, a stout fellow of twenty or more, called the Doctor aside, and with great earnestness inquired,

"Doctor, will you tell me candidly, do you think the old gentleman will get well?"

"You need feel no solicitude on that point, John," replied the Doctor; "I am very sure he will."

"Well, now, Doctor," John began again, with anxiety in his face, "do you think he will ever be able to walk again?"

"I fear not," said the Doctor; "at least not without crutches."

"John's face brightened as he added, 'well the reason of my wanting to know was that, last week, the old man bought a first-rate pair of new boots, and they just fit me; so, if you think he won't want 'em any more, I would like mighty well to have 'em!'"

Nice boy that—very!

What makes a fire so pleasant, is, that it is a live thing in a dead room.

An old lady who had never ridden in the cars, was persuaded by the combined efforts of her children, James and Mary, to accompany them on an excursion, she all the time saying that she "knew something would happen." She took her seat with fear and trembling, taking hold of the arm of the seat next the passage-way. The train was late, as excursion trains are usually, and in coming around a curve; an express train was on the same track, both nearing each other rather faster than was pleasant. The momentum of each train was nearly lost, and they only came together with a chuck, which pitched the old lady on her face in the passage way between the seats. She rose on her hands and knees, and looking back, asked: "Jeemes, do they allus stop like that?"

If a man talks insolently to you under the plea of candor, you may knock him down under a plea of an infirmity of temper.

Report of Changes in Division No. 1.

B. A. VANDERKIEFT, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

Admitted:

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:	COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:
Col. J. T. Austin, 72d N. Y. Vols.	1st Lt. J. H. Ashton, 6th N. Y. Cav.
Maj. W. I. Wilson, 27th U. S. C. V.	do C. D. Brown, 29th Mass. V.
do Dudley Farling, 147th N. Y. V.	do A. M. Anderson, 4th O. Vols.
do Angelo Paldi, 1st Mich. Cav.	do J. Quigley, 27th Mich. do
C. F. Morse, Capt. & Com. of Sub.	do J. J. Giles, 38th Mass. V.
Capt. Thos. Draper, 3d Del. Vols.	do C. L. Snowden, 183d Pa. V.
do J. Makechnay, 7th Md. do	do A. D. Waddell, 5th Mich. V.
do H. W. Wheeler, do do	2d Lt. L. Steinfeld, 15th N. Y. Art.
do Chas. Waite, 27th Mich. do	do J. Q. Rounds, 145th Pa. Vols.
do T. H. Chase, A. A. G.	do J. B. Haggerty, 1st Md. do
do N. F. Steele, 32d Mass. Vols.	do D. R. Rogers, 83d Pa. do
do D. E. Burns, 14th Ind. do	do A. J. King, 140th N. Y. V.
do W. F. Steele, 2d D. C. do	do H. D. Mason, 27th Mich. V.
do H. Bacon, 11th N. H. Vols.	Lieut. W. S. Smith, 140th N. Y. V.
do F. R. Josselyn, 11th Mass. V.	Adj't. F. M. Shoemaker, 143d P. V.
do C. W. Fisher, 104th N. Y. V.	PRIVATES:
do D. E. Lyon, 155th Pa. Vols.	Jas. A. Tuttle, 2d N. Y. Cav.
do A. J. Howe, 1st Mich. S. S.	W. B. Colgan, Mus'n, 1st E. S. M. V.
do L. R. Cassard, 8th Mich. V.	Geo. Leg. Officer's Servant.

Returned to Duty:

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:	COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:
Col. John Fraser, 140 Pa. Vols.	1st Lt. N. B. Ellis, 20th Mass. Vols.
Maj. Q. McNeal, 39th U. S. C. T.	do A. B. Allen, 22d N. Y. Cav.
do E. T. Fletcher, 40th N. Y. V.	do J. M. Veith, 16th N. Y. V.
do H. M. Galpin, 121st do	do P. I. McCabe, 88th do
do J. C. Burke, 11th P. R. C.	do J. A. Owens, 61st do
do J. C. Richart, 6th Ohio Cav.	do H. C. Rowland, 77th do
do S. M. Curtis, 7th Mich. Vols.	do I. B. Kennedy, 106th do
do Wm. Russell, Ass't A. Gen.	do J. S. Giles, 109th do
Ass't Surg. N. Nealy, 57th N. Y. V.	do J. L. Townsend, 152d do
Capt. M. H. Woster, Capt. of Sub.	do T. E. Reed, 5th Pa. R. C.
do J. O. Lord, 16th Me. Vols.	do J. E. Potter, 5th do
do L. B. Little, 9th N. H. do	do T. M. Corli, 118th Pa. Vols.
do A. Prince, 15th Vt. do	do L. R. Darragh, 140th do
do C. Flagg, 15th Vt. do	do C. W. Davis, 1st Del. Vols.
do J. F. Thayer, 56th Mass. do	do C. A. Nimocks, 7th Mich. do
do J. A. Pratt, do do	2d Lt. F. W. Fitzhugh, 11th U. S. I.
do J. S. Lawrence, 73d N. Y. do	do G. L. Dean, 32d Mass. Vols.
do W. H. Hakes, 125th do do	do P. H. Reynolds, 12th P. R. C.
do W. D. Taylor, do do	do E. J. Gorgas, 90th Pa. Vols.
do E. C. Thomas, 26th Pa. do	do G. Jewell, do do
do J. K. Lyons, 57th do do	do D. J. Machin, 143d do
do F. Sweet, 62d do do	do W. F. Brockway, 145th P. V.
do I. H. Platt, 105th do do	do G. W. Evans, do do
do J. M. Lingfelter, 143d do do	do A. Hutchinson, 5th N. J. V.
do B. L. Espy, 145th do do	do J. H. Smith, 11th do
do W. E. Potter, 12th N. J. do	PRIVATES:
do Q. B. Cochran, 7th Md. do	Wm. Wallace, 79th N. Y. Vols.
do Wm. F. Steele, 2d Del. do	Persley Janney, Citizen.
1st Lt. R. L. Boyd, 39th U. S. C. T.	Chas. Sutton, do
do D. W. Emory, 3d Me. Vols.	John Maloney Officer's Servant.
do S. H. Perry, 9th N. H. do	John Watson, do do
do A. H. Anott, 3d Vt. do	Geo. P. Rice, do do
do W. H. Hubbard, 3d Vt. do	Chas. T. Parneile, do do
do H. S. Dudley, 15th Mass. V.	Chas. E. Owens, do do
do W. W. Hemenway, 18th do	James Winston, do do

On Furlough:

Corporal John L. Brown, 2d Md. P. H. B.
Private Geo. K. Brown, 18th U. S. Inf.
do R. Huston, 45th Ohio Vols.
do P. S. Sargent, 1st Vt. Vols.
do Charles Butler, 18th Pa. Cav.

Returned from Furlough:

Private Benj. F. Shawbrock, 6th Md. Vols.

Transferred:

Private Simon Ritter, 18th Pa. Vols.

Discharged:

Ass't Surgeon J. L. Chipman, 39th Mass. Vols.
1st Lieut. Isaac Hull, 87th Pa. Vols.
Private John Frederick, 15th Mass. Vols.
do Howard Leedham, 52d N. Y. Vols.

Died:

Private Chas. Stephenson, 33d Ohio Vols. May 23d.
do James R. Agnew, 6th U. S. Cav. May 25th.

State of the Market.

U. S. GENERAL HOSPITAL, DIVISION No. 1. A
ANNAPOLIS, MD., May 27th, 1864.

FAT CATTLE—Heavy.
VEAL—Brisk.
TOBACCO—Demand lively.
FISH—Active.
MUSH—No demand.
COFFEE—Unsettled.
CHEESE—Quiet.
HAMS—Firm.
WHISKEY—No sales reported.
SPECIE—None.
PROVISIONS—Have a downward tendency.